From: James Kennedy
To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft settlement

I am writing in response to the request for comments in the USDOJ vs Microsoft case, in accordance with the Tunney act I ask that such a settlement be rejected.

I have read the proposed final judgment. Since I am not a lawyer, I can't claim to have a full understanding of it's contents. It seems however that it provides very little in the way of actual penalties against Microsoft or guarantees that Microsoft will not continue to do business in the same manner that they always have. In fact the proposed final judgment seems to be nothing more than the proverbial "slap-on-the-wrist". In fact, it appears more like something Microsoft themselves wrote instead of any form of real penalties as should be proposed when someone has BROKEN THE LAW.

I urge you to instead consider the alternate proposed final judgment submitted by the states, including my home state of Kansas, that have rejected the USDOJ proposed final judgment. Their proposal provides for real penalties and will discourage Microsoft from continuing with the business practices that they've used up to this point...even after the last anti-trust case against them was settled. This will provide for a fair and competitive market for all consumers who buy and use computer products.

Sincerely,

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